

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21608

The Department of Agriculture manages the Rural Economic Development and Integrated Freight Transportation program with the help of an interagency working group appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Transportation Department, and Department of Commerce. The current statute requires that the Idaho Transportation Department provide information to the interagency working group to assist the Department of Agriculture in monitoring the state's railroads. The Department of Agriculture does not monitor the state's mainline, short line or branch line common carrier railroads. Rather, that expertise is within the Idaho Transportation Department. This proposed legislation will remove the Department of Agriculture from monitoring the state's railroads and will maintain the role of the Transportation Department in providing information related to the state's railroads to the interagency working group.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund.

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